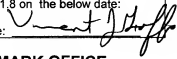


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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with the corresponding Office Action dated August 21, 2009, of Application No. CN 200580032387.8 received from the Chinese Patent Office. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the Office Action and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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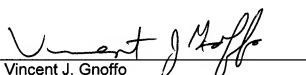
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